



Weekly update on the Iowa Health Insurance Marketplace:

Health Insurance Marketplace Open: If you are experiencing difficulty in accessing HealthCare.gov, or the federal call center, please be patient. The federal Health Insurance Marketplace is serving millions of Americans. Both the HealthCare.gov website and the federal call center are experiencing very high demand, which may be the cause of any delays. You may try back at a later time. Please keep in mind that consumers have until December 15, 2013 to submit an application for coverage to be effective January 1, 2014. Additionally, the open enrollment period for the Health Insurance Marketplace will run until March 31, 2014.

Insurance Commissioner's Open Letter: Iowa Insurance Commissioner Nick Gerhart issued an open letter to consumers on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on October 1. Read that letter [here](#).

CMS Health Insurance Marketplace Workshop: CMS and the Iowa Insurance Division hosted a Health Insurance Marketplace workshop on September 25 in Des Moines. Iowa Insurance Commissioner Nick Gerhart, Iowa Medicaid Director Jennifer Vermeer, Iowa Insurance Consumer Advocate Angel Robinson and federal partners from CMS and the US Small Business Administration provided a range of information and answered questions on marketplace reforms, Medicaid and *hawk-i* program changes, consumer assistance and small business coverage options to over 230 participants.

Marketplace Federal Resources: You can find a list of *Health Insurance Marketplace Resources* available on federal agency web sites [here](#). For those who still cannot register and get on HealthCare.gov, CMS/CCIIO has released a particularly informative video on the [Marketplace Application and Enrollment Process](#). In addition, you can find a list of sample Health Plans and Rates at the following links:

- Link to Health Plans/Rates: <https://www.healthcare.gov/health-plan-information/>
- Link to Dental Plans/Rates: <https://www.healthcare.gov/dental-plan-information/>
- Link to SHOP Health Plans/Rates: <https://www.healthcare.gov/shop-health-plan-information/>
- Link to SHOP Dental Plans/Rates: <https://www.healthcare.gov/shop-dental-plan-information/>

NOTE: All of the information can be downloaded into Excel on the website.

Health Insurance Marketplace Community Events: The Iowa Insurance Division continues a series of community events throughout the state to help educate Iowans about their options for health care coverage and the Health Insurance Marketplace. Staff from the Iowa Insurance Division and Department of Human Services will present and answer questions at each event. [Look for an event in your community here](#).

Iowa Health and Wellness Plan

New Benefit Comparison Chart Available: A new document is now available outlining the benefits covered by the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. This document compares benefits of the IowaCare program and the comprehensive benefits and provider network of the Iowa Health and Wellness Program. [Access the document here.](#)

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